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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of flora/fauna identified under Bio-diversity;

(b) whether the Government proposes to review the scheme for conservation of Bio-diversity; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARIAN MEENA)

(a) According to Botanical Survey of India, about 44321 species of plants belonging to Angiosperms (17450), Gymnosperms (65), Pteridophytes (1200), Bryophytes (2426), Fungi (14500), Lichens (2180) and Algae (6500) have been recorded so far. Similarly, according to Zoological Survey of India, a total of 91206 species of animals [Invertebrates & Hemichordata (86212), Chordata (4994) = 91206] are known from India.

(b) & (c) There has been no formal or structured review of the Biodiversity Conservation Plan Scheme. However, keeping commitments for biodiversity conservation in view, the scope of the Scheme has been extended embodying new thrust areas by revising the Standing Finance Committee(SFC) Memo on it in September, 2005. The thrust areas, among others, include implementation of Biodiversity Act (2002) and support to National Biodiversity Authority, State Biodiversity Boards & other relevant organizations; streamlining of bio-safety regulatory framework & studies related to transgenic materials; documentation of traditional knowledge & studies on access & benefits sharing related to genetic resources; sensitization workshops, training programmes & capacity building for biodiversity conservation & biosafety; and synergy & linkages among the country driven programmes under various multilateral environment agreements relating to Biodiversity.